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SUBJ: SECRETARY BUTZ' VISIT: AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH DEPUTY
MINISTER HAVASI

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1. SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR MET WITH DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER HAVASI
NOV 13 TO PREPARE FOR SECRETARY BUTZ' VISIT 23-25.
AMBASSADOR PLACED BUTZ VISIT IN CONTEXT OF OTHER SENIOR U.S.
OFFICIAL TRIPS TO HUNGARY, NOTED THAT SECRETARY BUTZ HAD
GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED LONG-STANDING MAGYAR INVITATION TO TRAVEL
TO BUDAPEST, AND EXPLORED TOPICS HUNGARIANS WILL WANT TO
DISCUSS WITH SECRETARY BUTZ. HAVASI WAS PREPARED; HE LISTED
SPECIFICS, INCLUDING OBTAINING U.S. TECHNOLOGY IN SOYA SEEDS,
FERTILIZER APPLICATION METHODS AND UP-TO-DATE HERBICIDE/
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WINE. END SUMMARY

2. AMBASSADOR, ACCOMPANIED BY ECONOFF, CALLED ON DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER FERENC HAVASI NOV 13 IN CONNECTION WITH UPCOMING VISIT BY SECRETARY BUTZ. AMBASSADOR CITED RECENT UPSURGE IN OFFICIAL AND NON-OFFICIAL VISITORS TO HUNGARY: ON THE OFFICIAL SIDE, UNDER SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE CAMPBELL, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION BINDER, DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE INGERSOLL AND SECRETARY OF COMMERCE MORTON. MANY MORE HAD ENJOYED HUNGARY'S HOSPITALITY AS TOURISTS. ALL THESE ACTIVITIES MANIFESTATION OF SINCERITY CONTINUE U.S. EFFORT TO IMPROVE UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES AND NORMALIZE ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND POLITICAL RELATIONS AS RAPIDLY AS POLITICAL REALITIES WILL PERMIT.

3. AMBASSADOR SAID SECRETARY BUTZ WAS RESPONDING TO LONG-STANDING HUNGARIAN INVITATION THAT SECRETARY HAD LONG WANTED TO ACCEPT. MCAULIFFE ADDED THAT USG HOPES TO RECIPROCATATE RECENT VISITS AND HAS INVITED MANY HIGH-RANKING HUNGARIANS TO VISIT U.S. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD SOON FIND IT POSSIBLE TO RESPOND TO THESE MANY OUTSTANDING INVITATIONS.

4. HAVASI NOTED THAT, WHILE HE IS NOT A DIPLOMAT, HE FELT THERE HAD BEEN A GREAT CHANGE AND IMPROVEMENT IN COMMUNICATIONS AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN TWO SIDES. THIS, ACCORDING TO HAVASI, WILL BE BENEFICIAL TO BOTH COUNTRIES. STILL, HE CONTINUED, SOME PROBLEMS REMAIN; SPECIFICALLY, MFN. IN RESPONSE, AMBASSADOR NOTED CONGRESSMAN VANIK'S TRAVELS IN EASTERN EUROPE, WHICH UNDOUBTEDLY GAVE THE REPRESENTATIVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT SOME COUNTRIES FIRST-HAND, AND ADDED THAT UNFORTUNATELY THE CONGRESSMAN HAD NOT BEEN INVITED TO VISIT HUNGARY. AMBASSADOR MCAULIFFE THEN COMPLIMENTED HUNGARIAN AMBASSADOR ESTERGALYOS FOR HIS RECOGNITION OF IMPORTANCE OF U.S. LEGISLATIVE BRANCH AND SAID HE UNDERSTOOD ESZTERGALYOS HAD BEEN ACTIVE IN SEEKING OUT LEGISLATORS IN WASHINGTON TO LEARN RANGE OF AMERICAN THINKING ON VARIOUS ISSUES AND TO EXPLAIN HUNGARY'S POSITION ON THOSE SAME ISSUES.

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5. AMBASSADOR CONTINUED THAT SECRETARY BUTZ HAD LONG WANTED TO VISIT HUNGARY, WHICH REPORTEDLY HAS MOST ADVANCED AGRICULTURE IN EASTERN EUROPE. AMBASSADOR ADDED THAT SECRETARY BUTZ PRESENTLY AT FAO CONFERENCE IN ROME TO DISCUSS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, WORLD-WIDE GRAIN STOCKS AND SUPPLIES. NOTING USSR/U.S. GRAIN DEAL, AMBASSADOR SAID SECRETARY BUTZ WILL BE INTERESTED IN RECENT HUNGARIAN/

SOVIET ARRANGEMENT FOR LONG-TERM SUPPLY OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS TO USSR. AGREEMENT WILL AFFECT HUNGARY'S AGRICULTURAL STOCKS AND PRICES, SUBJECTS WITH WHICH SECRETARY BUTZ HIMSELF IS CONCERNED. AMBASSADOR NEXT RECALLED TALK BY DEPUTY PLANNING MINISTER DRECIN AT NOV 10 SESSION HUNGARIAN/AMERICAN JOINT ECONOMIC COUNCIL (SEPTTEL) AS SUPERB PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATION WHICH HAD BEEN VERY USEFUL IN EXPLAINING HUNGARY'S GENERAL ECONOMIC PLANS FOR NEXT FIVE YEARS. AMBASSADOR THEN INQUIRED WHAT TOPICS HUNGARIANS DESIRED DISCUSS DURING SECRETARY BUTZ' VISIT.

6. HAVASI IMMEDIATELY RESPONDED WITH SPECIFICS: (A) HUNGARY'S INTEREST IN INCREASING PROTEIN OUTPUT; (B) DESIRE TO OBTAIN AND USE MORE HIGH-QUALITY U.S. SOYA SEEDS; (C) HUNGARIAN INTENTION TO DEVELOP MARKET FOR ITS DRIED SALAMIS IN U.S. AND ESTABLISH MORE HAM AND MEAT PLANTS THAT WOULD MEET USDA SPECIFICATIONS, IN HUNGARY, IN U.S. OR IN THIRD COUNTRIES; (D) HUNGARIANS BELIEVE DEMAND FOR MAGYAR WINE IN U.S. SUBSTANTIAL AND THEY INTERESTED IN INCREASING SALES TO THIS MARKET; (E) MAGYARS INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY IN FIELD OF HERBICIDES AND PESTICIDES WHICH BREAK DOWN INTO RELATIVELY HARMLESS COMPONENTS AFTER THEY HAVE SERVED THEIR PURPOSE; (F) ALSO WILL WISH TO DISCUSS FERTILIZER APPLICATION METHODS USING EQUIPMENT THAT PROVIDES EXACT AMOUNT NEEDED; (G) HUNGARY WILL ALSO DISCUSS CONTINUED IMPORTATION OF HOLSTEIN-FRIESIANS FROM THE U.S.

7. HAVASI CONTINUED THAT HE WAS PARTICULARLY PROUD OF THE BABOLNA/CPS DEVELOPMENT, SINCE HE HAILED FROM THAT PART OF HUNGARY AND HAD ONCE WORKED THERE.

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8. AMBASSADOR THANKED HAVASI FOR INFORMATION AND UNDER-TOOK TO INFORM SECRETARY BUTZ OF DISCUSSION PRIOR TO SECRETARY'S NOV 23 ARRIVAL.

9. COMMENT: HAVASI SAID HE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HUNGARIAN DOMESTIC PRODUCTION, BOTH INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL. HE APPEARS TO BE STRONG, CONFIDENT AND IN COMMAND, AND ONE WHO WOULD NOT HESITATE TO USE HIS AUTHORITY WHEN NEEDED. HE WAS PREPARED FOR THE MEETING, HAD NO NOTES AND THE ONLY OTHER HUNGARIAN PRESENT WAS THE INTERPRETER, GYORGY BANLAKI, FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. HAVASI APPARENTLY SPEAKS NO ENGLISH, BUT GIVEN HIS SCHOOLING IN SOVIET UNION, PROBABLY KNOWS RUSSIAN. MEETING WAS VALUABLE IN THAT IT AFFORDED OPPORTUNITY FOR AMBASSADOR TO DISCUSS U.S./HUNGARIAN RELATIONS

WITH A NEW DEPUTY PIME MINISTER WHO UNTIL NOW HAS BEEN
UNKNOWN QUATITY, AND IT DEVELOPED SEVERAL SPECIFIC
DISCUSSION THEMES FOR SECRETARY BUTZ' VISIT.
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